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## Information bulletin

# Pakistan: Monsoon Floods

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<b>Date of disaster:</b> 6- 7 August 2020	<b>Point of contact:</b> Mr. Abaid Ullah Khan, Joint Director Operations
<b>Operation start date:</b> 10 August 2020	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> -
<b>Category of disaster:</b> Yellow	
<b>Host National Society:</b> Pakistan Red Cross Society	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> TBC	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b> TBD
<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	

This bulletin is being issued for information only and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Pakistan Red Cross Society (PRCS), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is assessing the evolution of the current monsoon rainfalls and its impacts during the next few days.

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## The situation

Heavy rainfall started in Sindh and Baluchistan from 6 – 7 August 2020 with intermissions. This Monsoon rains created floods situation in Karachi, Hyderabad, Shaheed Benazirabad and Dadu. However, Tehsil Johi of District Dadu is the area which is greatly affected by flash floods. It has been reported that floods not only damaged the houses but also destroyed crops in Johi Tehsil. Government of Sindh already declared 80 villages of District Dadu as “Calamity Affected Areas”. The floods also hit different parts of Baluchistan including Kacchi, Sibbi, Harnai, Naseerabad and Jhal Magsi.

PRCS is already working together with the government, Movement partners and other organizations for COVID-19 Response. The changing Scenario of i.e. floods/flash floods may increase the risks of COVID-19 spread in the affected communities. It has been reported that due to floods, many communities are forced to live together in small camps. The initial reports suggested that District Dadu of Sindh and District Jhal Magsi, Sibi, Harnai, Naseerabad and Kachi of Baluchistan are the worst-hit areas. However, administration is still in process of damage and need assessment as most of the communication channels are also broken in some affected areas. The floods also destroyed standing crops and greatly affected the livelihood of inhabitants.

According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) [Situation Report No.13](#) as of 13 August 2020, heavy monsoon rainfall has caused flooding and damages in Baluchistan and Sindh provinces over the last few days. The report indicates that as of date 82 people have lost their lives and 28 injuries, while 873 houses are fully damaged while 186 partially damaged.



PRCS Volunteers helping People Evacuation in Sindh. (Photo: PRCS)

In Baluchistan, 13 people have died in floods in recent days, with many more reportedly missing. Over 861 homes are fully damaged and 46 partially damaged. Flooding struck in the districts of Khuzdar, Jhal Magsi, Lasbela, Gwadar, Pasni, Kachi and Dera Bugti from 7 August 2020. Severe flooding occurred in the west of the province from 8 August after flood water from Baluchistan made its way downstream along the Nai Gaj river.

Meanwhile in Sindh Province, heavy rainfall from 6 August caused flooding in Karachi, Hyderabad, Shaheed Benazirabad, Sakrand, Tando Jam, Dadu and Thatta. The floods caused 31 death. Hundreds of people were rescued by military personnel. Formal requests by district government through Deputy Commissioners of respective districts including situation of damages possibly with numbers/figures and required support in terms of food and non-food on immediate basis is expected.

The government is responding the situation and Pakistan army is carrying the Search & Rescue and evacuation operation. Some of the steps taken by government are as follows.

- 299 persons evacuated using 10 boats in district Dadu district by Armed Forces.
- PDMA Baluchistan Emergency Operational Center and DDMA's control rooms are functional and on high alert.
- Damage assessment by district government in Baluchistan is being conducted.
- Sindh Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) is providing relief items to Dadu District Administration including 1,000 boats with motors, 1,000 units of tents, 1,000 sets of kitchen sets, 1,000 units of mosquito nets, 1,000 units of jerry cans and 1,000 units of water coolers.
- Government of Sindh declared 80 'Dehs' (villages) of Tehsil Johi, Dadu district as "Calamity Affected Areas".
- Work on cleaning of 552 big and small 'nullahs' (gravity feed water system) in Karachi started by NDMA.
- Hospitals have been put on alert by the health department in Karachi.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

As soon as PMDA issued weather advisory and the monsoon rains started, PRCS provincial chapters activated Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) and called a meeting of Emergency Response Force (ERF) in Karachi. PRCS NHQ closely coordinated with its provincial chapter for effective planning and response. Some of the major actions taken by PRCS are as follows.

- PRCS NHQ is in close coordination with its branches, IFRC, Movement Partners and government organizations.
- The IFRC Pakistan country office is continuing to monitor the situation in close contact with its counterparts in the PRCS NHQ. On 9 August 2020, GO Platform field report was issued, and on 13 August 2020 another GO Platform field report providing additional detail on the PRCS measures taken to date was also issued.
- Activated control room at NHQ Disaster Management and Logistics Centre (DMLC) and departmental coordination for sectoral Teams deployment. Monsoon Contingency Plan has been updated.
- PRCS released NHQ Calamity Funds to Sindh and Baluchistan branches for deployment of teams to flood affected areas for rapid needs assessment.
- Coordination with respective branches for presentation of emergency plan of action based on assessment results for sharing with partners and launching DREF request next week.
- PRCS is planning to conduct operational brief for in-country Movement Partners next week.
- An emergency meeting of Emergency Response Force (ERF) was called at PHQ Sindh where more than 40 volunteers participated
- Emergency Control Room has been activated in Sindh and Baluchistan from Thursday, 6 August 2020 till the rain emergency gets over.
- Teams have been deployed for Rapid Need Assessment (RNA) in Dadu district in Sindh and Districts Kacchi, Sibbi, Harnai, Naseerabad and Jhal Magsi districts in Baluchistan.
- Alerts has been issued to staff and Red Crescent volunteers.
- PRCS NHQ has released two situation reports on the disaster. PRCS Sindh and Baluchistan branches are also in close coordination with PDMA's.
- Emergency Response Force (ERF) has been deployed at different places in Karachi to help the people in need.
- All the relevant government offices are being updated about the deployment of ERF i.e. Governor House, Commissioner Karachi, Municipal Commissioner and concerned Deputy Commissioners.
- The PRCS provincial branches in the concerned areas have been put on alert to respond depending on how the situation evolves in the coming days.



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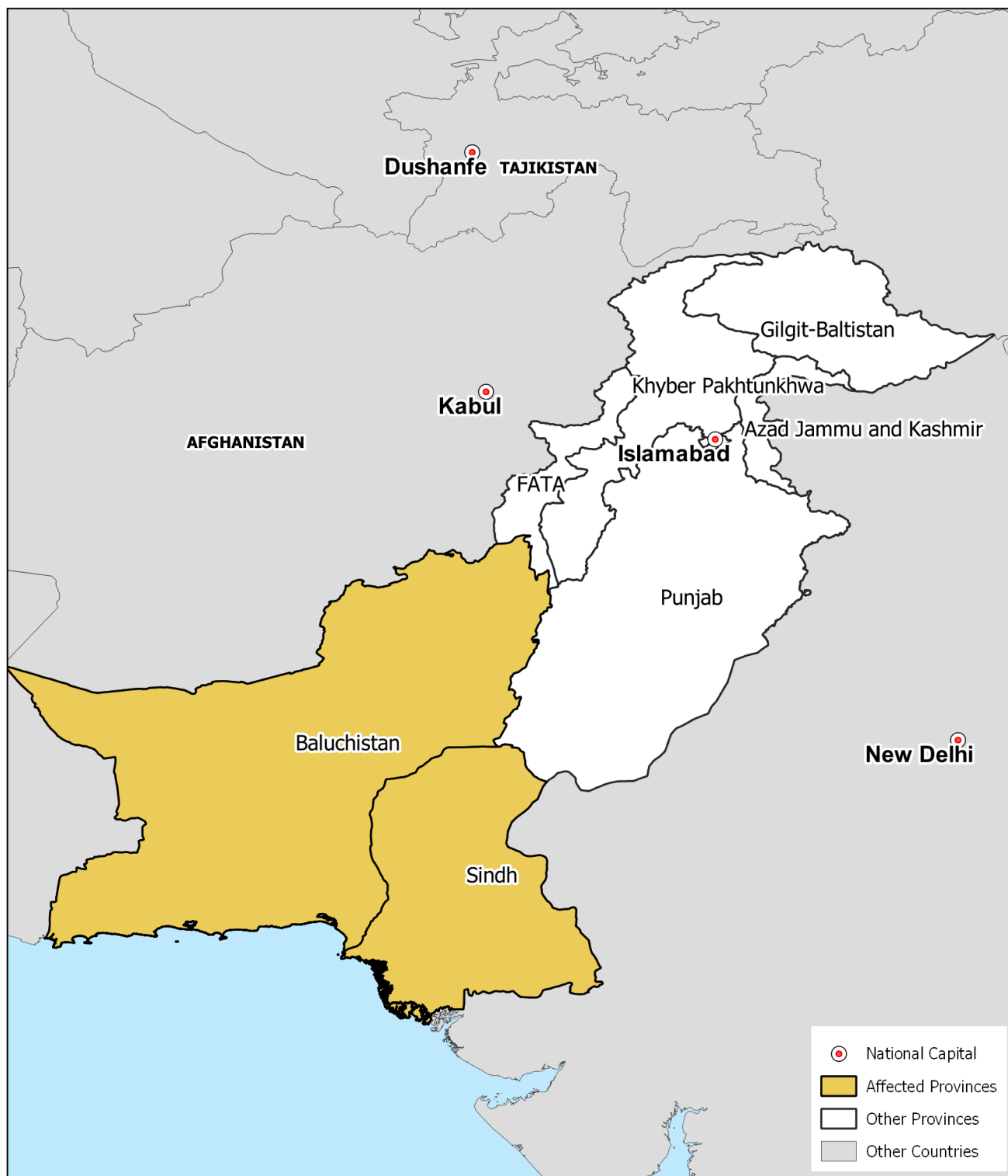
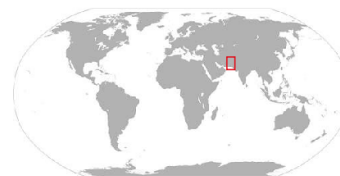
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